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25X1 1. On 2 February 1950, functionaries of the East CDU discussed the issues raised at the bloc committee meeting on the previous day.

Dr. Flewe expressed the opinion that big conferences of party representatives as demanded by the SED would be less favorable for the CDU than the bloc system. General-Secretary Götting replied that the reason for such conferences is to give people the opportunity of sounding each other out and of establishing common ground by way of preparation for the elections. Götting re-asserted that individual party ballots actually would be used in the elections, but he admitted that the SED and the Soviet Control Commission already know how to make the returns come out in their favor. He declined to go into the matter further at present.

8. With respect to what was currently happening, Götting announced that Fascher's case had been discussed in Halle on 1 February 1950 and that the Soviet representative was not for Fascher's "disappearance" although he did say that Fascher must publicly square the statements he made at Potsdam.* Götting maintained that on the basis of his conversations with Lt. Col. Rodionoff of the SCU in Halle, the current campaign was not directed against the CDU as such. If measures were taken against the CDU, they were to assure the security of the occupying power. The reason for the present action was military preparation in the West. Rodionoff further remarked that the Oder-Neisse line must be recognized by the CDU and that there could be no neutrality towards the West, as Hickmann maintained. Rather, the CDU should turn with all vigor against Hickmann and his views.

4. Frau Dr. Blesch remarked that the measures taken against the CDU were not because of security considerations but with a view to tipping the scales for the 13 October 1950 elections.

5. Dedek, the present deputy Landrat of Aue, is to be proposed as the CDU representative for Saxony in the Central Committee of the National Front. On orders of the Soviet occupation

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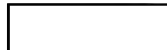
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authorities, Dedeck brought out the first article against Hickmann, which the Sächsische Union of Dresden was forced to print.

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